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## Valdez & Treviño Attorneys at Law, P.C.

Valdez & Treviño is a local minority owned San Antonio Law Firm that specializes in civil litigation defense. V&T, as Valdez & Treviño is more commonly known, was established by Robert E. Valdez and Jose “JJ” Treviño ten years ago to provide clients with needed and outstanding legal representation in the difficult and dangerous Central and South Texas venues. When V&T first opened its doors, it was a small boutique litigation defense firm with a few staff members and four dedicated attorneys. However, in ten short years, V&T has grown into a litigation powerhouse that is respected across Texas and into New Mexico and Louisiana. V&T is recognized for the diligence, client dedication, and legal ability its attorneys and staff demonstrate daily in the development and trial of cases. V&T is well-seasoned in handling cases that range in size and complexity from small property damage and personal injury claims to catastrophic and complex personal injury, property damage, commercial, product liability, and employment cases. V&T now employs 8 partners, 11 associates, 5 paralegals, and 12 staff members.

V&T’s attorneys have vast experience in defending its clients in both state and federal courts. Our clients include other transportation companies such as Greyhound, large national insurers, such as Allstate, which routinely deal with both first and third-party litigation arising out of auto accidents and claims for property damages, First Student which has relied on us to defend local school bus drivers and operators, and Dollar General which regularly relies on our expertise in helping them defend against dram shop, premises liability, and negligent activity claims. Together as a firm, we have tried numerous cases to resolution, and even received a favorable defense verdict in one of the first zoom trials held in Bexar County during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Vincen-Romero v. Fleet Services, et al., Cause No. 2018-CI-09884, in the 73rd District Cour of Bexar County, Texas. Five of our attorneys have first chair trial experience, some having tried well over 50 cases to verdict.

In addition, V&T offers in house appellate services. V&T’s appellate work has resulted in numerous wins for our clients on Petitions for Writ of Mandamus, and even successfully obtained a stay from the Texas Supreme Court in Gadola v. Suncoast A/C, Cause No. 2014-DCL-04267-A, in the 107th District Court of Cameron County, Texas, based on an erroneous decision of the trial court judge on the literal eve of trial to strike our client’s designation of a responsible third party. Due to this success with the Texas Supreme Court, our client was able to obtain a favorable settlement and avoid the risks associated with trial.



## Representative Clients \*

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- Allied Universal Security Group
- Allstate
- American Claims Management
- American Contractors Insurance Group
- American International Group
- Amtrust
- Argo Group, US
- Aspen Dental Management, Inc.
- Aspen Specialty Insurance Management
- Bright Horizons Family Solutions
- Brundage-Bone Concrete Pumping
- Concrete Pump Holdings
- Covenant Transport Group
- Chevron
- Dollar General Corporation
- Eagle Applied Sciences, LLC
- First Group / Greyhound Lines, Inc.
- Hanover Insurance Group
- Heller Motors
- Hudson Insurance Group
- Hub International Brokers
- Infinity Insurance
- Ironshore Holdings, Inc.
- Kahlig Auto Group
- Liberty Mutual Insurance
- MedMarc Insurance
- Mercedes Benz of Boerne
- Mercedes Benz of San Juan
- Monitor Liability Insurance Managers, LLC
- National Transportation Insurance Co.
- NBIS Construction & Transport Insurance Services
- Republic Group
- Sentry Insurance
- Starr Insurance Group
- Terex Corporation
- The Travelers
- United Fire Group
- United Services Automobile Association
- Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust
- York Risk Service Group, Inc.
- Zurich Insurance Group

The firm also defends clients in the following areas:

- Malpractice matters
- Texas Medical Board
- State Bar of Texas
- Texas Board of Law Examiners
- Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission
- Texas Workforce Commission, and
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

\* Clients are named with permission

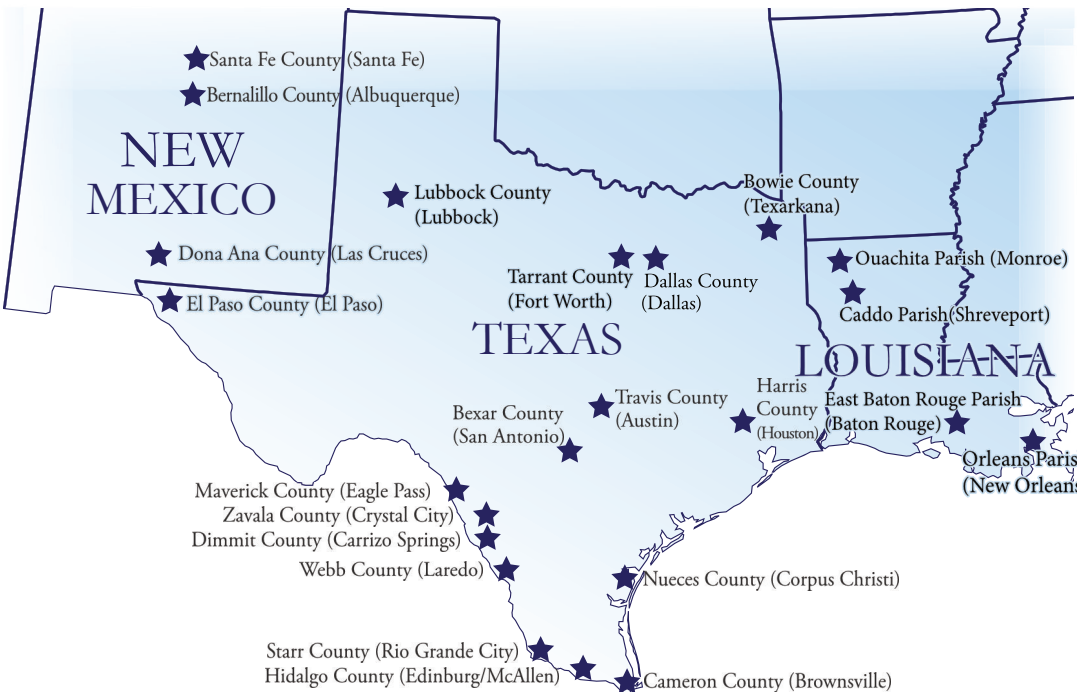




## Geographic Areas of Practice

Centrally located in San Antonio, Valdez & Treviño has attorneys licensed in multiple states. We are ready and equipped to serve your legal needs in Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, and beyond. Our clients regularly depend on us to defend them on wide variety of causes of action in some of the toughest venues around.

With a diverse staff and bilingual capabilities, the firm has particular expertise representing clients along the infamous Texas-New Mexico border. Firm partners are admitted to practice in all state courts of Texas and New Mexico and the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Fifth, First, and Fourth Circuits; as well as the United States Supreme Court.



## Representative Areas

### New Mexico

- Bernalillo County, Albuquerque
- Dona Ana County, Las Cruces
- Santa Fe County, Santa Fe

### Texas

- Bexar County, San Antonio
- Brooks County, Falfurrias
- Cameron County, Brownsville
- Comal County, New Braunfels
- Dallas County, Dallas
- Dimmit County, Carrizo Springs
- Duval County, San Diego
- El Paso County, El Paso
- Harris County, Houston
- Hays County, San Marcos
- Hidalgo County, Edinburg
- Jim Wells County, Alice
- Karnes County, Karnes City
- Kenedy County, Sarita
- Kleberg County, Kingsville
- La Salle County, Cotulla
- Lubbock County, Lubbock
- Maverick County, Eagle Pass
- McMullen County, Tilden
- Nueces County, Corpus Christi
- Starr County, Rio Grande City
- Tarrant County, Fort Worth
- Travis County, Austin
- Uvalde County, Uvalde
- Val Verde County, Del Rio
- Webb County, Laredo
- Willacy County, Raymondville
- Zapata County, Zapata
- Zavala County, Crystal City

### Louisiana

- Caddo Parish, Shreveport
- East Baton Rouge Parish, Baton Rouge
- Orleans Parish, New Orleans
- Ouachita Parish, Monroe

## Practice Focus

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With outstanding courtroom experience and diverse backgrounds, the attorneys at Valdez & Treviño are uniquely qualified to focus on the development and trial of catastrophic and complex personal injury, product liability, commercial, transportation and employment cases throughout Texas and New Mexico.

Specific areas of expertise include:

- Civil Litigation
- Product Liability
- Transportation Law
- Labor & Employment Law
- General Negligence
- Insurance Law
- Personal Injury
- Premises Liability
- Professional Malpractice
- Subrogation
- Arbitration
- Mediation

## Practice Philosophy

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Valdez & Treviño combines the personalized attention of a boutique firm with the resources and expertise of a large firm. Founding partner Robert Valdez is Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Under his leadership, the firm provides a highly personalized level of service with hands-on engagement from all shareholders. Mr. Valdez has been designated as an AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating available for legal ability and professional ethics.

Dedicated to providing clients with outstanding legal services, the firm's bilingual capabilities and strong local rapport make it a natural leader in complex litigation throughout the Rio Grande Valley. From Brownsville, Texas to El Paso and across southern New Mexico, clients benefit from the firm's more than three decades of local experience, cutting-edge technological capabilities, and attention to detail.

## Technological Support

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Sophisticated technological aids are increasingly essential for courtroom evidence presentation, litigation support, investigations and case research. The firm's technological support group provides presentation, graphics, animation, videography and other sophisticated visual aid services for courtroom presentations. The firm also has access to a state-of-the-art research library on all issues relating to the firm's areas of expertise.

The firm's high-level technical expertise streamlines the communication process between clients and firm members, with Internet communication capabilities and other forms of electronic media. The firm's sophisticated accounting system provides its clients with detailed billing information complying with auditors' requirements for ABA billing codes and reporting.



# Robert E. Valdez

## Professional Experience & Affiliation

With over 40 years of experience in the practice of civil trial law, Mr. Valdez is consistently recognized by his peers, the legal profession, and the insurance industry as an outstanding and distinguished advocate.

He has extensive experience in the trial of personal injury, commercial, and insurance cases that include defending legal and medical malpractice, product liability, premises and construction liability, as well as commercial disputes and insurance coverage litigation.

Mr. Valdez is often called upon by members of the plaintiff's bar as well as the defense to serve as a mediator in complex and catastrophic cases. He has served as an expert witness in insurance coverage and professional liability cases in Texas and New Mexico. Mr. Valdez also speaks Spanish.

- Board Certified by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization in Personal Injury Trial Law
- AV® Preeminent Peer Review Rated by Martindale-Hubbell (highest rating available for legal ability and professional ethics)
- Texas Monthly Super Lawyer® in the areas of insurance law and civil defense, 2007 to present
- A.M. Best Recommended Insurance Attorney
- Former Director and Chair of the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
- Former Director and Chair of the Texas Board of Law Examiners
- Director and Chair of Bexar County (San Antonio) Grievance Committee
- Special Counsel for the Texas Judicial Conduct Commission
- New Mexico Ethics Advisory Commission

## Education

- St. Mary's University (B.A., 1976)
- St. Mary's University School of Law (J.D., 1980)
- University of Texas at San Antonio (M.A., 2008)

## Law School Honors and Distinctions

- Member, Phi Delta Phi legal honor fraternity
- National Order of Barristers
- Instructor, Legal Research and Writing, St. Mary's University of San Antonio, 1979-80

## Court Admissions

- Texas, New Mexico
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- U.S. Supreme Court



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# Jose “JJ” Treviño

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## Professional Experience & Affiliation

Mr. Treviño is a trial lawyer who has been practicing in civil trial since his admission to the Texas Bar. His practice focuses on the development and trial of personal injury, professional malpractice and insurance law cases.

He has extensive experience in the representation of businesses and individuals in catastrophic personal injury matters involving transportation & trucking, construction, premises, and automobile cases.

Mr. Treviño routinely represents clients in litigation matters in many regions of Texas from El Paso to Brownsville, Texas and in Southern New Mexico.

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, William S. Sessions American Inns of Court
- Member, San Antonio Bar Association
- Member, Insurance Section of State Bar of Texas
- Trucking Industry Defense Association (TIDA)
- Selected by his peers to inclusion to Texas Monthly Super Lawyers, Rising Star in 2014
- Recognized by his peers as a “Best in San Antonio” Personal Injury Defense Attorney by *Scene in San Antonio Magazine* 2010-present
- Named a Rising Star by *San Antonio Scene Magazine* 2013-present

## Education

- Texas A&M University, College Station (B.A., 2002)
- St. Mary’s University School of Law (J.D., 2005)

## Law School Honors and Distinctions

- Judicial Intern to the Honorable Fred Biery, United States District Court, Western District of Texas
- Law clerk, civil litigation firm analyzing litigation issues
- Member of Phi Delta Phi legal honor fraternity
- Research Assistant for Dean Vincent Johnson, tort law issues

## Court Admissions

- Texas State Courts
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Western District of Texas

## Personal

- Born in McAllen, Texas and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas
- Mr. Treviño also speaks Spanish



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# Jenna S. Ard

## Professional Experience & Affiliation

Ms. Ard obtained her undergraduate degree from Loyola University New Orleans where she was a member of the highly competitive Jesuit Social Justice Scholars program. Upon graduation, Ms. Ard matriculated to Loyola University's School of Law, where she obtained her Juris Doctor degree, in addition to completing coursework in civil law at the Universität Wien in Austria, and comparative international law in Belgium, France, and Luxembourg.

After graduating from law school, Ms. Ard worked as an associate for a well-known boutique insurance defense firm in New Orleans where she gained extensive experience litigating civil cases in state and federal court. Since that time, her practice has focused on the defense of personal injury cases involving motor vehicle collisions, premises liability, and offshore casualties. Ms. Ard is also experienced in litigating oil and gas contractual disputes, and cases related to professional liability. During her work on these types of cases, Ms. Ard has had the opportunity to take multiple cases up on appeal and has obtained favorable rulings on behalf of her clients in those proceedings. Though Ms. Ard has recently moved to San Antonio and is actively forging her way into our community, she maintains ties to her hometown as a proud member of the King Arthur Mardi Gras Krewe.



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## Education

- Loyola University, New Orleans
- Bachelor of the Arts in Political Science
- Loyola University, New Orleans, College of Law
- Juris Doctor Civil Law
- Maritime Law Society, Loyola University, School of Law (2005-2007)
- Women's International Shipping and Trading Association Academic Distinction Award (2006)
- Taylor, Porter, Brooks and Philips Law School Merit Award (2008)

## Court Admissions

- State Courts of the State of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- Louisiana State Courts
- Louisiana, Court of Appeal, First Circuit
- Louisiana, Court of Appeal, Second Circuit
- Louisiana, Court of Appeal, Fourth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana
- United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana
- District of Columbia
- Administrative Trial Court for the United States Department of Labor



# Joseph E. Cuellar

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## Professional Experience & Affiliation

Mr. Cuellar primarily focuses on catastrophic tort and commercial litigation, insurance coverage and subrogation issues, professional malpractice, and administrative law issues.

Mr. Cuellar joined the firm following a clerkship with Justice Luz Elena D. Chapa on the San Antonio Court of Appeals. His clerkship experience brings a new depth to the representation Valdez & Treviño provides its clients.

- Member, State Bar of Texas
- Member, San Antonio Bar Association
- Member, San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association

## Education

- University of Texas School of Law (J.D., 2012)
- Yale University (B.A., 2009)

## Law School Honors and Distinctions

- Appellate Clerk, Travis County Attorney's Office
- Intern, Travis County District Attorney's Office
- Member, American Journal of Criminal Law
- Member, Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity

## Court Admissions

- State Courts of the State of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals;



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# Christopher Karl

## Professional Experience & Affiliation

Mr. Karl is a trial lawyer. His practice focuses on complex tort and commercial cases in areas involving catastrophic personal injuries and property losses. He represents businesses of all sizes and from numerous industries.

After graduating with degree in English from the University of Texas at Austin, Mr. Karl earned his law degree from St. Mary's University. While in law school, he worked as a judicial intern for the Honorable Justice Paul W. Green of the Texas Supreme Court. Mr. Karl began his legal career at Bexar County District Attorney's Office where he obtained extensive jury trial experience. He left the District Attorney's Office to accept the position of briefing attorney with the Honorable Justice Jason K. Pulliam at the San Antonio Court of Appeals. Mr. Karl uses his appellate and courtroom to provide his clients with creative and effective strategies to litigate efficiently, limit exposure, and maximize results.

Mr. Karl has received various professional recognitions including Best San Antonio Lawyers from S.A. Scene. Mr. Karl was also recognized for his work trying one of the first "virtual" trials in Bexar County.

- Admitted to Texas bar, 2005
- Member, San Antonio Young Lawyer's Association
- Member, San Antonio Bar Association

## Education

- University of Texas at Austin (B.A., 2003)
- St. Mary's University School of Law (J.D., 2009)

## Law School Honors and Distinctions

- Officer of Phi Delta Phi honors fraternity
- Judicial Intern to the Honorable Justice Paul Green, Supreme Court of Texas
- Member of the External Advocacy Program's Negotiations Team
- Winner of First Year Moot Court Competition

## Court Admissions

- State Courts of the State of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas



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# Michael M. Machado

## Professional Experience & Affiliation

With over thirty years of trial experience, Mike Machado, has distinguished himself as a tough and seasoned litigator handling a variety of cases and representing the interests of his clients in jury trials, and through the mazes of various administrative hearings and settlement negotiations.

His experience in all state and federal courts throughout Texas has resulted in both jury trial and administrative hearing victories from El Paso to Texarkana, Amarillo to Brownsville, and most points in between. He has successfully litigated in federal and state courts, and defended individuals charged with RICO violations by law enforcement organizations as diverse as the FBI, DEA, ATF, Office of the Inspectors General for Texas, the United States Department of Justice, the Texas Rangers, the Attorney General of Texas, and dozens of local municipal and county agencies. He has also tried cases in venues as diverse as New Orleans, Louisiana, Cincinnati, Ohio and South Bend, Indiana.

He has successfully defended various retail establishments in suits brought against them under the Texas Dram Shop Act in both state and federal courts. Though many of his clients are Fortune 500 companies, on an individual level he has also represented their employees who were sued, and/or charged with Texas Alcoholic Beverages Code and Texas Penal Code violations for “over serving” customers (always against the testimony of various law enforcement officers and undercover TABC agents) – having won dismissals of all charges against each person.

Machado has successfully defended corporations and individuals who were sued in complex multi-million-dollar cases involving ordinary, gross, and willful negligence which resulted in death and catastrophic injuries.

His caseload is focused on the defense of catastrophic tort cases as well as business and commercial litigation, professional liability, premises liability, toxic torts, healthcare regulatory violations, medical malpractice, legal malpractice, and trucking litigation.

## Education

- St. Mary’s University, Bachelors of Science – Public Justice;
- University of Texas, Austin, Government;
- Thurgood Marshall School of Law Juris Doctorate.

## Law School Honors and Distinctions

- First Place – Mock Trial Competition;
- President of The Association of Mexican-American Law Students;
- Pro Bono Clinic, Outstanding Advocate Award – Social Security and Geriatric Law; Outstanding Advocate Award - Community Legal Aid Clinic; Outstanding Advocate Award - Administrative Law Clinic.

## Court Admissions

- State Courts of the State of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas



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# Michael M. Novak

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## Professional Experience & Affiliation

Mr. Novak's practice focuses on commercial and civil litigation, as well as insurance defense. He obtained a B.A. in Theatre Arts from Texas A&M Kingsville in 2001 and an M.F.A in Performance and Pedagogy from Texas Tech University in 2005. Following his M.F.A., Mr. Novak engaged in doctoral course work in performance studies before transitioning to law school in 2011. Mr. Novak graduated in the top 15% of his class from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2014 and in the same year was honored with the Julia Lambert Award for Student Clinician of the Year. Prior to joining Valdez & Treviño, Mr. Novak gained experience as a corporate and transactional attorney at one of the largest firms in Texas.

## Education

- B.A. in Theatre Arts from Texas A&M Kingsville; cum laude; 2001
- M.F.A. in Performance and Pedagogy, Texas Tech University; 2005
- J.D. Indiana Maurer School of Law; cum laude; 2014;

## Law School Honors and Distinctions

- Maurer School of Law Practice Group Leader and Mentor to 1L students; 2013 and 2014
- Julia Lambert Clinician of the Year Award 2014
- Member of Journal of Law and Social Equality
- Maurer School of Law Career Choices invitee and speaker 2018

## Court Admissions

- Admitted to U.S. District Court of Texas, Western District

## Other

- San Antonio Scene Best Lawyer Litigation Defense 2018
- Presentation of Entity Choices and Liability Avoidance at TAREI Conference; 2016 and 2017



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## Heather A. Abreu

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Ms. Abreu has over 15 years of experience in Texas and Michigan, including in the areas of personal injury, civil rights, products liability, premises liability, and medical malpractice. Her career experience includes working as a trial attorney for Nationwide Insurance and as a PIP claims representative for Auto Owners Insurance.

### Education

- J.D., Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 2009
- M.A., ESL Language, University of Illinois Champaign Urbana, 1998
- B.A., English Language, Eastern Illinois University, 1996

### Admissions

- Texas, 2021
- Michigan, 2009



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## Joseph S. Ellis

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Mr. Ellis focuses on first and third-party insurance cases involving bodily injury and property losses. He completed his master's degree while on active duty in the United States Air Force and attended law school after completing his military service.

### Education

- J.D., Texas Tech University School of Law, 2018
- M.A., International Relations, University of Oklahoma, 2013
- B.S., American History, United States Air Force Academy, 2008

### Admissions

- Texas, 2018



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## JoeRay R. Garcia

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Mr. Garcia is a litigation attorney who focuses his advocacy skills on the development and civil trial of cases involving personal injury, premise liability, property damage, and insurance defense. Before joining Valdez & Trevino, he began his career as a criminal prosecutor at the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. During his career, he has honed his trial skills, bringing nearly two dozen jury trials to verdict.

Mr. Garcia received his J.D. from St. Mary's School of Law in 2018 and is a current member of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Young Lawyers Association, San Antonio Young Lawyers Association, the Federal Bar Association, and the Texas Bar College. He is admitted to practice in the State Courts of Texas, as well as the U.S. District Courts in the Southern, Western, and Northern Districts of Texas.

### Education

- J.D., St. Mary's University School of Law, 2018
- B.S., Criminal Justice, The University of Texas at San Antonio, 2014

### Admissions

- Texas, 2018



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## Kelsey T. Liu

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Ms. Liu focuses her practice on defending individuals and companies in civil litigation, with an emphasis on premises liability, personal injury, and property damage. Before joining Valdez & Treviño, she worked on federal legal compliance in the mortgage sector for a large financial institution based in San Antonio.

### Education

- J.D., St. Mary's University, 2020
- B.S., Political Science, The University of Texas at San Antonio, 2013

### Admissions

- Texas, 2022



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## David Louis

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David Louis practices in all aspects of civil litigation with a focus on personal injury, property damage, and premises liability. David is a proud military veteran, who retired with over twenty years of service in the United States Army and deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2020, he graduated magna cum laude and as John Marshall Harlan Society scholar from St. Mary's University School of Law. While in Law School, David was the Managing Executive Editor of the Law Journal, a Dean's Research Fellow, Judicial Intern to Xavier Rodriquez of the United States District Court of the Western District of Texas, and a Legal Intern with the Bexar County Criminal District Court Administration. He was a member of Phi Delta Phi, Black Law Student's Association, Immigration Law Student's Association, and the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association. Following law school, he was Law Clerk to Justice Rebeca A. Huddle of the Texas Supreme Court. Before joining Valdez & Treviño in late 2023, he was an associate in San Antonio base law firm and focused on medical malpractice defense.

### Education

- J.D., St. Mary's University, 2020

### Admissions

- Texas, 2020

## Nicole McQuiston O'Connor

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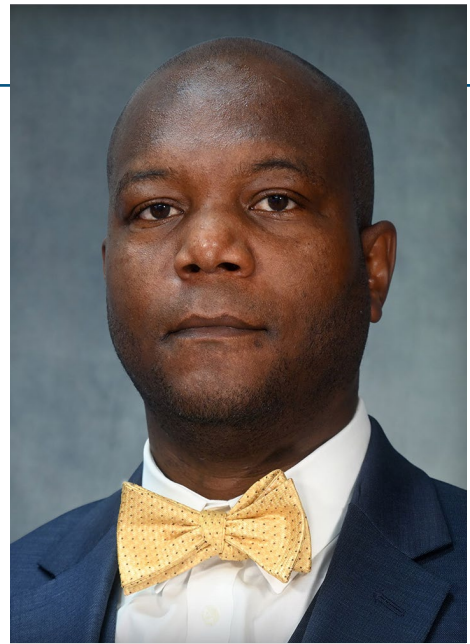
Ms. McQuiston is a litigator who has handled civil defense cases ranging from personal injury to intentional tort claims brought against elected officials. She has practiced at all levels of Texas State Courts and successfully defended a prominent Bexar County official in an intentional tort case appealed to the Texas Supreme Court.

### Education

- J.D., Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law in Macon, Georgia, 2016
- B.A., Baylor University, 2013

### Admissions

- Texas, 2017
- Georgia, 2016



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## Ryan S. McDaniel

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Mr. McDaniel is an experienced litigation attorney with a focus on insurance defense matters. His primary areas of practice include professional liability, auto/trucking liability, and premises liability. He gained litigation experience while working for two prominent San Antonio insurance defense firms before joining Valdez & Treviño.

### Education

- J.D., University of Oklahoma College of Law, 2018
- B.A., Political Science and Government, Texas Tech University, 2014

### Admissions

- Texas, 2018



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## Brenda Montoya

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Brenda Montoya was raised in San Antonio, Texas, and graduated from MacArthur High School. She obtained her bachelor's degree in political science and graduated from St. Mary's University in 2012. She was a legislative aide in Austin, Texas, during the 83rd Legislative Session in 2013. She then completed an internship at Bracewell & Giuliani in Washington, D.C. in the summer of 2013. Brenda then relocated to Lubbock, Texas, where she attended Texas Tech University School of Law. While in law school, she was a law clerk at Thompson & Kerby where she assisted in personal injury lawsuits. Before joining Valdez & Treviño, Brenda worked for an insurance defense firm where she specialized in 3rd party insurance cases.

### Education

- J.D., Texas Tech University School of Law, 2016
- B.A., St. Mary's University, 2012

### Admissions

- Texas, 2016



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## Frederick Saporsky III

Mr. Saporsky has been practicing civil trial law for over twenty years and is BV Distinguished Rated by Martindale-Hubbell since 2013. His practice focuses mainly on the litigation of personal injury and insurance law cases.

Before joining our team, Mr. Saporsky previously worked for two well-respected insurance defense firms and had also worked in-house for two major insurance carriers. Throughout his career, he has handled a variety of cases including catastrophic torts, automobile and commercial trucking accidents, construction defects, products liability, premises liability, insurance bad faith and uninsured/under-insured motorist claims.

### Education

- St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas - Juris Doctor
- St. Mary's University - Master of Arts, International Relations
- St. Mary's University - Bachelor of Arts, International Relations

### Admissions

- State Bar of Texas
- U.S. District Court Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court Southern District of Texas



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## Valeria Sartorio

Valeria has been practicing civil law since 2012. While attending law school, she clerked for the Office of the Texas Attorney General – Consumer Protection Division, where she subsequently began her legal career as a prosecutor representing the State of Texas' interests in the investigation and prosecution of fraudulent and deceptive trade practices involving individual state and multistate matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Valeria was the Managing Attorney of the San Antonio Regional Office of the Consumer Protection Division.

She is a member of the State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association, and The College of the State Bar of Texas.

### Education

- St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas -Bachelor of Arts, Psychology with Minor in Biology
- St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas – Juris Doctor

### Admissions

- State Courts of the State of Texas, 2022
- United States District Court, Western District of Texas
- Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
- United States Supreme Court



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# Courtney Schroeder

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Courtney was raised in Plainview, Texas. She graduated in 2016 from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in political science. After graduation, she interned in the Texas House during the 85th Legislative Session in 2017. She then worked in insurance subrogation before attending St. Mary's University School of Law, where she graduated as a John Marshall Harlan Society scholar in 2023. She was a member of Phi Delta Phi and a staff writer on the St. Mary's University Law Journal. While in school, she clerked in-house for a major insurance carrier before joining Valdez & Trevino.

## Education

- Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas - Juris Doctor
- Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
- Bachelor of Science, Political Science

## Admissions

- State Bar of Texas



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